

INFORMATION BULLETIN

WELFARE-TO-WORK

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TO: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADMINISTRATORS
PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS
WELFARE-TO-WORK 15 PERCENT SUBGRANTEES
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COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES STAFF
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SUBJECT: WtW CENSUS 2000 COMPETITIVE GRANTS

The Department of Labor (DOL) has announced a special round of competitive grants under the Welfare-to-Work (WtW) grant program. The solicitation for grants was published in the Federal Register on May 14, 1999, and is available on the WtW Internet site at <http://wtw.doleta.gov>. This solicitation is to facilitate the employment of WtW program participants as Census 2000 enumerators in local areas across the country. The DOL is seeking a single private organization with a nationwide network of community-based local providers or affiliates to serve as an intermediary between local Census Bureau offices and the local WtW formula and competitive grantees.

The grant solicitation requires that all applicants include a signed certification by appropriate Private Industry Councils (PIC) or political subdivisions for the areas in which the project is to operate. Additionally, the applicant must submit these applications to the governors of all states in which the project will operate.

In California, the Governor has designated the Employment Development Department (EDD) as the state administrative entity for the WtW program. The EDD's Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD) is responsible for performing the review and providing comments relative to competitive grant applications, on behalf of the Governor, in accordance with provisions outlined in the solicitation. The grant solicitation defines sufficient opportunity for the State's review and comment as allowing state staff at least 15 calendar days from receipt of the application.

In accordance with federal guidelines for the submission of project proposals, the state review is accomplished to assure that the application does not propose activities that are contrary to the state WtW program as outlined in the State Plan. Applications are also reviewed to assure that they are developed in consultation with the appropriate local PIC and that applications from private entities include signed certifications from the appropriate PIC(s) or political subdivision(s). After submission to the State, additional information will not be accepted for review.

Competitive grant applications must be received by the DOL no later than July 16, 1999. To allow sufficient time for state review and comment, applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Providing applications to the State no later than **June 30, 1999**, will allow the State 15 calendar days to prepare and mail comments back to grant applicants and allow local processing time to meet DOL's July 16, 1999, closing date for receipt of applications. We want to emphasize that the June 30, 1999, date is not a deadline, but a benchmark against which local applicants can plan. Applications will be accepted after this date and a good faith effort will be made by the state staff to be responsive to assisting applicants in meeting the DOL closing date. However, applications will not be accepted for review after July 9, 1999.

To further assist applicants with this process, comments will be provided to draft applications. Final applications will not be necessary. Faxes will not be accepted.

Please submit three copies (no originals or bindings) as follows:

Mail:

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Employment Development Department
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Hand Deliver:

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722 Capitol Mall, Room W1077
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Detailed information regarding the solicitation may be obtained by accessing DOL's WtW Home Page Internet address, <http://wtw.doleta.gov>. The Federal Register also contains information on whom to contact for questions regarding the solicitation.

Questions regarding the state review should be faxed to Don Migge at (916) 654-7921. Questions may also be sent via electronic mail to JTPD at JTPDLIB@EDD.CA.GOV. The subject line should read: "Welfare Grant." All inquiries sent via fax or e-mail should include a contact name and phone number.

/S/ BILL BURKE
Assistant Deputy Director